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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION—ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of April 8, 2011, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination and respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks submitted herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** and a **Listing of claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.